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Pharmaceutical Manufacturer to Create 200 Jobs in Nash County
State Grant Helps Hospira Modernize, Expand Capabilities in Rocky Mount

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that Hospira, a leading provider of injectable medicines and infusion technologies, will modernize and expand the capabilities of its operations in Nash County. The company plans to create 200 additional jobs and make new capital investments for the construction, improvement, upfitting and equipping of existing and new facilities. The capital investment will be at least \$85 million over the next three years and could grow to be up to \$270 million over the next ten years. The project was made possible in part by a \$645,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund. The state grant will be based on the company investing \$85 million over the first three years of the project.

“My first priority is creating jobs,” said Gov. Perdue. “Hospira knows our highly-skilled workforce and strong business climate have helped the company thrive in North Carolina. It’s always great news when existing companies choose to invest new resources in our state. This announcement gives another shot in the arm to the North Carolina economy.”

Hospira is the world’s largest generic injectable pharmaceutical manufacturer. The company's products are used by hospitals, outpatient clinics and other healthcare sites, such as clinics and home-health facilities. The company currently has about 2,400 employees at its Rocky Mount facility.

Salaries will vary by job function, with new positions including technical, supervisory, production and support roles. The average annual wage for the new jobs will be \$51,780, plus benefits. The Nash County average annual wage is \$34,112.

"Hospira is proud to be able to bring new jobs to the Rocky Mount community with the support of the state of North Carolina and other community partners," said Marty Nealey, vice president, Rocky Mount Operations, Hospira. "Our new facility expansion and technology investments underscore the importance of the Rocky Mount facility in supplying life-saving, lower-cost